

*Tuesday, June 15, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Y2K Act.

The House passed H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act, for the 21st Century.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6975–S7037*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1221–1223, and S. Res. 123. Page S7026

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Y2K Act:** By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 165), Senate passed H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 96, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S6975–99

#### **Adopted:**

Sessions Amendment No. 623 (to Amendment No. 608), to permit evidence of communications with state and federal regulators to be admissible in class action lawsuits. Pages S6975, S6995

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 164), Gregg/Bond Modified Amendment No. 624 (to Amendment No. 608), to provide for the suspension of penalties for certain year 2000 failures by small business concerns. Pages S6975, S6995–97

McCain Amendment No. 608, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S6975–98

Subsequently, S. 96 was returned to the Senate calendar. Page S6998

**Senate Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, to authorize representation of Members of the Senate in the case of *Candis Ray v. John Edwards, et al.* Page S7036

**Budget Process Reform:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process,

taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Page S6999

#### **Pending:**

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Page S6999

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. Page S6999

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with instructions and report back forthwith. Page S6999

Lott Amendment No. 296 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), to provide for Social Security surplus preservation and debt reduction. Page S6999

Lott Amendment No. 297 (to Amendment No. 296), in the nature of a substitute. Page S6999

During consideration of this bill today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 166), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 297 (listed above). Page S6999

**Emergency Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Guarantee Program:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Pages S7004–10

During consideration of this motion today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 167), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1664 (listed above).

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was agreed to.

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**Energy and Water Development Appropriations, FY2000:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1186, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 628, of a technical nature.

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**Military Construction Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1205, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, with a vote to occur thereon, on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. Further, that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, the Senate strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of S. 1205, as passed, and the House bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Upon passage of the House bill, passage of S. 1205 be vitiated and the bill then be indefinitely postponed.

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**Work Incentives Improvement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 331, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, with a vote to occur thereon, on Wednesday, June 16, 1999.

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**Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the motion to close further debate on H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States.

Transmitting the annual report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (PM–37).

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Transmitting a report relative to the Exchange Stabilization Fund; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 31 United States Code 5302, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–38).

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard A. Grafmeyer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2000, vice Harlan Mathews, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7036–37.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.